

## United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

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### Number of Judgeships: 13

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### Chambers of Chief Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr.

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#### Walter S. Smith, Jr. Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Baylor 1964 BA, 1966 JD  
Began Service: October 6, 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court (1980-1983); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1983-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Dunnam & Dunnam (1966-1969); Wallace & Smith (1969-1978); Haley, Fulbright (1978-1980)

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### Chambers of District Judge Sam Sparks

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#### Sam Sparks District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: Texas 1961 BA, 1963 LLB  
Began Service: December 7, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Homer Thornberry, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1964-1965)

**Government:** Aide, U.S. Representative William Homer Thornberry (D-TX), United States House of Representatives (1963-1964)

**Legal Practice:** Associate Partner, Hardie, Grambling, Sims & Galatzan (1965)

**Current Memberships:** American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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### Chambers of District Judge W. Royal Furgeson

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#### W. Royal Furgeson District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Texas Tech 1964 BA; Texas 1967 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1969-1970)

### Chambers of District Judge W. Royal Furgeson continued

**Government:** Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Lubbock, Texas (1969)

**Legal Practice:** Shareholder, Kemp, Smith, Duncan & Hammond, P.C. (1970-1994)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1967-1969)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Ector County Bar Association; El Paso Bar Association; Midland County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Association of Defense Council; Texas Bar Foundation

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#### Fred Biery District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Texas Lutheran 1970 BA; Southern Methodist 1973 JD  
Began Service: March 14, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge, Bexar County Court at Law (1979-1982); Judge, Texas District Court, 150th District (1983-1988); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1989-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Biery, Biery, Davis & Myers (1973-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1970-1976)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; San Antonio American Inns of Court; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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#### Orlando Luis Garcia District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Texas 1975 BA, 1978 JD  
Began Service: 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Legislative Aide, United States House of Representatives (1974-1983); State Representative Orlando Luis Garcia (R-TX), Texas House of Representatives (1983-1991)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1991-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Law Office of Matt Garcia (1978-1985); Associate, Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams (1985-1990)

**Current Memberships:** San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation; Texas Judicial Council

#### Staff

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Education: Texas 1980 JD  
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#### David Briones District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Texas 1971 JD  
Began Service: October 17, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Judicial:** Judge, County Court at Law No. 1 (1991-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Moreno and Briones, Attorneys at Law (1971-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1966)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Mexican-American Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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